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NOTICE OF HEARING  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF UTAH

THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER: DOCKET NO. 2019-027 CAUSE NO. 194-03: In the matter of the Request for Agency Action of Wesco Operating, Inc. for orders authorizing the flaring of gas from the Blue Hills Gas Plant located in the SW¼SE¼ of Section 20, Township 23 South, Range 19 East, SLM, Grand County, Utah. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (the "Board"), State of Utah, will conduct a hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. It is anticipated the hearing will be conducted electronically and without an anchor location, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(4) and that the Board Chairman will issue a written determination in advance of the aforesaid hearing concluding that holding an in-person meeting presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of the participants due to COVID-19. The written determination required under Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(4) will be based on the public health and safety conditions existing at the time of the February 24, 2021 hearing. In the event the Board Chairman's determination is that an electronic hearing is unnecessary for the prescribed hearing date, the meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The hearing will be streamed live on the Department of Natural Resources YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/qOuUJTb5-Nc>. THE HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED as a formal administrative adjudication in accordance with the rules of the Board as set forth in Utah Administrative Code R641 et seq. and as provided for in Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-1 et seq. and Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-101 through -601. Per the Board's Emergency Order entered on January 27, 2021 pursuant to Utah Admin. Code Rule R641-109-400, THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING will be for the Board to receive additional testimony and evidence on the status of gas flaring occurring from the Blue Hills Gas Plant located in the SW¼SE¼ of Section 20, T23S, R19E, SLM, Grand County, Utah. In particular, based thereon, the Board will consider whether further extension of flaring authorization not to exceed 300 MCF per day at the Plant until March 31, 2021 is warranted as requested in a Motion for Extension of Flaring Authorization (the "Motion") filed by Wesco Operating, Inc. Objections to the Motion must be filed with the Secretary of the Board at the address listed below no later than February 10, 2021. A party must file a timely written objection or other response in order to participate as a party at the Board hearing. Failure to participate can result in a default judgment. Natural persons may appear and represent themselves before the Board. All other representation of parties before the Board will be by attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Utah, or

attorneys licensed to practice law in another jurisdiction which meet the rules of the Utah State Bar for practicing law before the Utah Courts. Persons interested in this matter may participate pursuant to the procedural rules of the Board. The Motion, and any subsequent pleadings, may be inspected at the office of the undersigned, and inspected online at the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining's website at <http://ogm.utah.gov/amr/boardtemp/redesign/books.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons requiring auxiliary communicative aids and services to enable them to participate in this hearing should call Julie Ann Carter at (801) 538-5277, at least three working days prior to the hearing date. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ability of the virus to spread from person-to-person rapidly, the Governor and the Utah Department of Health have implemented numerous Executive Orders and Public Health Orders directed at controlling the spread of the virus by minimizing face-to-face interactions and the Utah legislature has amended public meeting requirements under the Open and Public Meetings Act. At this time, public gatherings are strongly discouraged by the Center for Disease Control, State of Utah, and local health departments since they facilitate face-to-face contact and pose an elevated risk for virus transmission. The Board Chairman has determined, at the present time, that public gatherings at normally scheduled public meetings before the Board present substantial risks to the health and safety of those who attend. As such, as indicated above, it is anticipated the Board will conduct this public meeting using a fully electronic format. This meeting format is authorized by recent amendment to Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(4). The electronic format will be temporarily used in place of the in-person public meeting until the Board is otherwise directed it is safe to hold in-person public meetings. Anyone wishing to comment on the February public meeting's agenda topics should contact the Board Secretary prior to the hearing for accommodation. Anyone who may wish to observe the public meeting may do so by logging on to the YouTube channel specified above.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2021.

STATE OF UTAH

BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Chris D. Hansen, Chairman

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